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The legislature convened today with legislative leaders calling for a bi-partisan approach to solving the significant budget issues facing the state.

In his State of the State speech the Governor indicated that the ground had shifted since he issued his budget for the biennium early last month. Despite further budget shortfalls for remaining six months of the current biennium, and reduced revenues for the next one, the Governor reiterated his five priorities for the coming biennium: children, education, health care, energy (independence and green energy), and transportation.

Here are links to some of the releases regarding opening day:

The Governor's speech:
<<NEWS RELEASE: Governor Delivers State of the State Address to 75th Legislative Assembly>>
Speaker Dave Hunt, calling for bipartisanship:
http://www.leg.state.or.us/press_releases/hunt_011209.pdf
House Republican Bruce Hanna, opposing tax increases:
http://www.leg.state.or.us/press_releases/hro_011209.pdf

The Legislative webpage is up and running with connections to all of the legislators:
http://www.leg.state.or.us/index.html

On Wednesday afternoon, the Ways and Means Education Subcommittee and the House and Senate Education Committees will meet jointly for an informational meeting on the "education enterprise" with scheduled presentations by the Governor's Education advisors, James Sager and Margie Lowe.

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